GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Cooperation Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar (now Retd.) on the allegations of irregularities and misappropriation of election funds during conduct of elections to PACS, 2013 in Krishna District - Inquiry conducted – Charge held proved – Awarding of penalty besides recovery under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1040 **Dated: 05-12-2025**

Read the following:-

1. Vigilance Report No.38 (C.No.876/V&E/D2/2013), dated:15-04-2019 of the D.G., G.A.(V&E) Deptt.,
2. From the CC&RCS, Letter.No.AGC06-11031 (35)/1/2024-SEVCES-CCRCS, dated:04.02.2025.
3. Govt.,MemoNo.AGC01-Coop/138/2019-Vig-II, dated:23.09.2025.
4. Received Explanation dated:12.10.2025 of Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar/District Cooperative Audit Officer (Retd)

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the DG., G.A(V&E) Deptt., has submitted Vigilance Report No.38, dated:15-04-2019, on the allegations of irregularities and misappropriation of election funds during conduct of elections to PACS, 2013 in Krishna District, wherein Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar (now retired) has committed misappropriation of election fund for an amount of Rs.11,33,536/- by deviating norms and Rs.1,10,900/- by claiming fake bills. The DG, V&E Dept., recommended to initiated departmental action and recovery of Rs.1,10,900/-.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur has informed that, the CC&RCS had initiated departmental proceedings against Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar and article of charges were framed against him. The Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence dated:14-09-2020 denying the charge framed against him. Since the written statement of defence was not found satisfactory, the CC&RCS, A.P., Guntur had appointed the District Cooperative Officer, Kakinada, East Godavari District as Inquiring Authority, under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, and the Divisional Cooperative Officer, Machilipatnam was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case. The Inquiry Authority has completed the Inquiry and submitted Inquiry report. The Inquiry Authority has concluded that the charges framed against Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar are held proved. The Inquiry report was communicated to C.O., Sri K.Bhasara Rao, Deputy Registrar, to offer his further explanation on the inquiry report. The C.O. has submitted his further explanation to CC&RCS. Since, Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2024. As per the provisions of Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 relating to finalization of departmental proceedings against retired employees Government is the competent authority. The CC&RCS, AP has requested the Government for orders in the disciplinary case.

3. After examination of the matter, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding 5% cut on pension for a period of 5 years against Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar (now Retd.) besides recovery of Rs.1,10,900/- (Rupees one lakh ten thousand nine hundred only) (for claiming of fake bills), as the Charges held Proved in the inquiry, under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, in the instant disciplinary case. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, a Show Cause Notice was served on the Charged Officer, with a request to submit explanation within 15 days.

4. In response to the Show Cause Notice, the Charged Officer viz. Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar (now Retd.) has submitted his explanation dated:12.10.2025 and stated that the Inquiry Authority proved without any proper evidence and requested the Govt., to drop the proposed action of withholding of 5% cut on pension for a period of 5 years besides recovery of Rs.1,10,900/- as he retired from the Government service with clean record.

5. After thorough examination of the explanation of the retired officer, with reference to the record of inquiry, Government hereby decided to confirm the proposed punishment of withholding 5% cut on pension for a period of 5 years against Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar (now Retd.) besides recovery of Rs.1,10,900/- (Rupees one lakh ten thousand nine hundred only) (for claiming of fake bills), as the Charges held Proved in the inquiry, under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of "withholding 5% cut on pension for a period of 5 years" against Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar (now Retd.) besides recovery of Rs.1,10,900/- (Rupees one lakh ten thousand nine hundred only) (for claiming of fake bills), under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Deputy Registrar (now Retd.).
(through the CC&RCS, AP, Guntur)
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:
The General Administration(V&E) Department.
The Secretary, A.P.V.C., A.P. Secretariat.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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